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STATE TRUNK LINE PAVING ON
THIS STREET SHOULD BE
FINISHED THIS WEEK.

Start Next on Wright Avenue

The state trunk line paving on West Superior street will be completed before the present week is at an end, and it is expected that the work of excavating on Wright avenue will be finished at that time and made ready for the laying of the concrete on that trunk line road.

The work on West Superior street would have been completed Tuesday had it not been for the fact that the workmen were held up because of a shortage of gravel, which did not arrive from Millbrook, necessitating a layoff in the work of laying the pavement.

The paving was laid Monday night from the city limits on West Superior street, east to Philadelphia avenue, leaving just a block of paving still to be laid. It was expected yesterday that workmen would begin on the pavement there again today. In case the gravel is received so that work can be gotten underway again it probably will not take more than the day to finish the work.

It will be some days after the work is brought to a finish before the trunk line will be opened, owing to the necessity of allowing plenty of time for the concrete to dry thoroughly before traffic is allowed on the road.

Immediately this work has been finished the concrete mixer and the curbing machine will be moved to Wright avenue and work of putting in the paving on that street will be put under way.

FORM AN ICE COMPANY HERE

NEW CONCERN PLANS OF MAN-
FACTURING ICE FROM CITY'S
PURE WELL WATER.

A new ice company has been organized here for the manufacture of artificial ice, it was learned this morning just as The Record was going to press. It is the intention of the new concern to manufacture the ice from Alma's pure well water.

The backers of the enterprise feel that the company has a fine field in this vicinity owing to the fact that both St. Louis and Ithaca are so close to this city, making possible the success of such an enterprise, which could hardly hope to make a fair return if its activities were confined solely to this city.

It is the intention of the new company to get under way at the earliest possible time, it is understood. Full particulars will be given next week.

Chautauqua Was Highly Successful

J. S. Koertzer, secretary-treasurer of the Alma Chautauqua-Lyceum Committee has announced that after paying the Redpath Chautauqua Inc., the amount of the guarantee for the past season, and making the adjustments called for in the contract, there is a balance for the local committee of \$43.55.

Money received by the committee over the guarantee that goes to the Redpath Chautauqua Inc., is available for both chautauqua and lyceum purposes in the future.

In making this announcement Mr. Koertzer said that a total of 498 adult tickets were sold, 400 industrial tickets and 77 children's tickets.

He also states that the executive committee is very much gratified with the support and co-operation extended by both the local patronage and the Redpath Bureau.

There are now 115 names on the guarantee list for the 1922 Chautauqua, but the committee desires to secure several names yet. Lists are available at both banks and may be signed at either place.

Mt. Pleasant to Stage Races

Through the efforts of the Fair Society, Mt. Pleasant auto race fans and thousands of people who live in central Michigan are to be given a chance on Saturday, September 10, of seeing the fastest drivers in the state in action for \$2,500 in prize money.

One of the entries is well known for his daring and sportsmanly driving. He is Earl Wilcox, the state champion. Before the races were advertised it was decided that it was no use to proceed unless the entry of the Owensville title holder was secured. That has been done. Wilcox will be here with a long string of victories over the best drivers in the state and country. This year he has a new car. One of the stars that has sprang up this year is Huelmer of Saginaw who also pilots a Ford. He has been giving Wilcox a merry battle water-over the two have met. The race between these two, and they meet in all of the events, is declared to be worth going miles to see. Among the other drivers of note that are sure to be here are Long and Wool of Saginaw, Phelps, Proux and Hydrion of Bay City, Hills of Lansing, Titus of Flint, McGill, Lawrence and Whitman of Detroit, and Hoyt of Alma. Grand Rapids cars will be here but the names of the drivers have not been received.

IS NEARING COMPLETION

MILLION GALLON RESERVOIR
WILL SOON BE READY TO
CONNECT WITH WATER.

The work of construction on Alma's million gallon reservoir is rapidly nearing completion, but it is expected that it will be four or five weeks yet before it is available for use.

Nearly all of the concrete has been placed on the forms, one part being left out until the balance dries sufficiently to allow the removal of the large forms. When they have been removed through the opening this left the opening will be closed. It will take about ten days time for the concrete to set sufficiently to permit the removal of the forms. It will then take about that length of time for the final pouring of concrete to set.

After this has been completed it will probably take some little time to connect up the water system with the new reservoir and get everything in readiness to turn the water from the wells back into the mains again.

Work on the new well that is to be put down to the strata of gravel just above bed rock has not yet been started, but it is expected that Mr. Kersey will be on the job within a very short time, and it is regarded as more than probable that this well will be ready to connect up by the time that the reservoir can be used.

Store Entered Monday Night

The grocery store of Cleveland & Marthy, corner of Bridge and Superior streets, was broken into by thieves on Monday night. This is the second time within three weeks that this store has been entered by thieves. On reaching his store Tuesday morning, Mr. Cleveland found the glass of his front door had been smashed and evidence of the visit of thieves was all over the store. His stock of cigars, cigarettes, and tobacco as well as some groceries had been stolen. No money was left overnight in the store. Mr. Cleveland thinks the thieves are local characters young fellows of questionable reputation living in the near neighborhood.

A depredation of eight local merchants, including Mr. Cleveland, J. W. Leahy, Earl Faught, Mr. Rule, Mr. Messenger and others waited on the city commission on Tuesday evening and put the situation before the commission asking protection for East Alma. The commission was most sympathetic and promised to carefully consider what had best be done.

GETTING READY

Coach George Mullin of Alma high school is already preparing for the coming school year and the approaching football season. New football suits, new jerseys and a quantity of other football material has been ordered, and it is certain that the football team that goes onto the gridiron this fall to represent the Orange and Black will be the best equipped team that the high school has ever had. Indications are that it will also be a team that will be well worthy, as Mullin has the expectation of ten veterans back in the Alma high camp. A schedule stronger than any that any previous team of the local school has had, will be given to Mullin's eleven this fall.

SUGGEST A NEW PARK FOR ALMA

REST PLACE BY DAY AND CAMP-
ING SPOT FOR TOURISTS IS
PLAN SUGGESTED.

Waterworks Site Offers Possibilities

A suggestion that promises to be well received in the city and by hundreds of tourists from all sections of the country, who make an annual pilgrimage to scenic Michigan during the summer months for a stay at some of the famous resorts, which abound in the state, is that the land adjoining the waterworks be made into a park and rest place for tourists at the earliest possible time. It would, of course, also be available for Alma people.

The suggestion to this effect was offered Tuesday evening by Floyd H. Glass, following the meeting of the city commission, and was well received by the other commissioners present, who displayed considerable interest in the matter.

The belief was expressed that the site could be made into a fine park and rest place at very small cost. William E. Reynolds, city manager, said that the low spots could easily be filled by the use of a sand-sucker, which would draw water and sand from the river and spread it over the site depositing the dirt, while the water runs off. A small expense in other ways would give promise of a fine park at that place, a park that would undoubtedly be greatly used from the fact that two state trunk line highways pass the spot, which is suggested for such a place.

With such a park it would be certain that more and more tourists would be attracted through Alma on the two state trunk line roads, because of the availability of such a site as a camping place for a night, and a rest spot by day.

Hold Adventist Campmeeting

A canvas city of tents has been built during the past ten days by a large force of men on the academy grounds at Cedar Lake in which from five to six hundred people will be camped August 18 to August 28. The occasion is the annual camp meeting of the North Michigan Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. The territory of this conference includes all of North Michigan from the southern boundary of Montcalm county to the Straits of Mackinac. All of this district will be well represented by the attendants at the camp meeting.

Elder A. G. Daniels, president of the World Conference of the Adventists, will be present August 20-21. Elder E. E. Andrews, vice-president of the General Conference, will be present throughout the meeting. Both of these men have recently returned from extended trips through foreign countries, including those of Europe and Africa, and will give some very interesting talks on conditions in those fields.

Quite a number of other speakers, prominent in the Adventist denomination, will attend the camp meeting all or part of the time. Professor Kern is devoting his life to the interests of the young people and to the building of Christian families and Christian homes.

The music of the camp is in charge of Professor J. J. Shaffer of Madison, Wisconsin, who is promising some special attractions along this line.

The program begins at 6 a. m. Friday, August 18, and is full every hour each day until Sunday evening, August 28. Regular preaching services will be held each day at 10:45 to 12 a. m., from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m., and from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Between these hours, special talks and lectures will be given on education and temperance, school work, on health and missionary work, and talks that will be especially in the interest of the young people and children.

A large dining tent has been pitched and meals will be served on the self-servicing plan at 7 to 8 a. m., 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. and from 6:15 to 7 p. m. Prices are very reasonable.

A special song service will begin each evening at 7:30. The camp will run on central standard time. Admission to the grounds will be free at all times and a welcome is extended to everybody.

Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Day, who have been touring the northern part of the state for some weeks, have returned to their home in Alma, and Dr. Day has again taken up his work as health officer of the city.

SOME ONE WAS IN NEED OF A BATH, 'TIS THOUGHT

Simon Messinger has lost a bath tub. Beg your pardon. One was stolen from this well known Alma gentleman. And it evidently was stolen by some person very badly in need of a bath. Why else should a tub of this kind disappear?

The tub in question was part of the fittings in the Holsinger building on East Superior street, opposite Plant Three of the Republic. The building was empty, and was locked up. That did not stop the one who wanted a bath. He just went ahead, entered the building, and relieved it of one perfectly good bath tub.

The question that Mr. Messinger is now pondering over, is why a man should steal a bath tub during the summer months, when the river is so handy.

It might be mentioned also that this well known gentleman is rather suspicious of any person that he sees, who seemingly had refreshed himself with a bath recently.

STATE MEETING TO BE STAGED

PROMINENT ROAD SPEAKERS
FEATURE PROGRAM OF GOOD
ROADS ASSN. SESSION.

The Michigan State Good Roads Association in conjunction with the Michigan State Highway Department will hold its annual meeting at Flint on August 30, 31 and Sept. 1.

This will be the most notable meeting of its kind that has yet been held in the state. Manufacturers of both road machinery and material made application for assignments early and those already entered into contracts for exhibitions surpass the Lansing meeting.

Hon. Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner, has a most attractive program covering 1921 legislation, construction work for 1922, trunk line maintenance, roadside development, experimental road maintenance together with other important subjects including the reports of Commissioners of counties, that will not fail to make this part of the program an institute which every Commissioner, whether township or county, should attend.

The Association has procured the services of men of national reputation as well as state. Dr. S. H. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., better known as Pike Johnson, who in company with the Signal Corps of the Federal Government, made the first transcontinental motor convey over the Lincoln Highway, and who is Director General of the Lee Highway Association, will be present and address the convention.

Mr. J. A. Routhree, Director General United States Good Roads Association, of Birmingham, Ala., has definitely accepted the invitation and is on the program. The War Department in 1920, who sent a convey over the Bankhead Transcontinental Highway, appointed Mr. Routhree as the official spokesman for the War Department. He delivered more than two hundred addresses at public meetings, banquets, barbecues and different functions in the fourteen states through which this Highway traversed.

Hon. J. A. Doelle of Marquette, recently elected member State Board of Agriculture, will be on the program. Mr. Doelle, recognized as one of the finest products of the Upper Peninsula, is without question one of Michigan's foremost men today.

Dr. P. E. Doolittle, president Ontario Automobile association of Toronto, one of the finest public speakers that Canada possesses, is also on the program.

Mr. A. H. Kroh, of Akron, Ohio, who charmed the convention at Lansing, will be with us again. Captain W. S. Galbraith, of Detroit, Hon. J. Dallas Dort, of Flint, Hon. Harvey A. Penny, together with several other prominent gentlemen who will represent the manufacturers of both road machinery and materials, will complete the program.

A roll call of all Commissioners present will be had on August 30th and certificates of attendance will be given to each Commissioner present certifying to their attendance and the number of days in order that they may be reimbursed for expenses and per diem.

Evening sessions will be held by both the State Highway Department and the Association, and attractive speakers will entertain and instruct the Commissioners and visitors on latest improved methods of both construction and maintenance.

Professor Blanchard, consulting engineer of the State Highway Department, will not fail to give the delegates the benefit of his research during the past year. He enjoys a national reputation and is without question one of the most sought after men in his profession.

CENTENIAL UNIVERSITY IS CLOSING

NO BUILDINGS IN DENVER BUT
WAS OFFERING DEGREES
COST OF PRINTING.

Must Refund the Money Secured

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College has received a letter from the Secretary of State for Colorado in regard to the closing up of the affairs of Centennial State University of Denver, which had evidently been soliciting the sale of honorary degrees to ministers, and also it developed, after the affair had been given an airing from this city, to prominent jurists.

It is understood that the Colorado authorities and the postal authorities went into the matter in conjunction, and looked up Centennial State University of Denver. It had no buildings, but expected to have, its promoters said.

They are said to have admitted that perhaps they were somewhat hasty in offering honorary degrees, as mentioned in the columns of The Record a few weeks ago, but claimed that they were being offered only to worthy people.

It was found that a large amount of money had been collected on the honorary degrees that had been offered in various sections of the country. To escape prosecution the promoters were ordered to refund the money that had been sent to them for honorary degrees.

Since The Record gave publicity to Centennial University a few weeks ago, when honorary degrees for Doctor of Divinity were offered to a number of Michigan pastors for the nominal sum of \$25.00, which was to pay for the engraving of the name on the diploma, a number of religious publications in various parts of the country have taken up the matter, and commented upon it.

Ashley Has A Bad Fire

Fire thought to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the entire east side of the business section of the village of Ashley during Thursday night, the flames gaining such a headway before the blaze was discovered, that it was necessary to send to neighboring towns for assistance.

The fire was discovered at about 11:30 and had already gained such headway that it was impossible for the local department, which is inadequate for a large fire, to quell the blaze and a call was sent to Elsie, St. Louis and Owosso for assistance. The departments in the first two named places responded, but the Owosso department was unable to answer the call. The fire broke out in a shoe shop, which was located in a wooden building, and quickly spread to the adjoining structures, the missionary building, which was the home for the local Red Cross, being the second to burn. In its steady march down the east side of the street the Larnum drug store and Gunn meat market and a barber shop owned by Fred Ashley were burned.

For a time it seemed as if the entire business section of the village would be wiped out by the flames, but the splendid work of the Elsie and St. Louis departments and volunteers kept the blaze confined to the east side of the street. It is estimated that the damage from the fire is in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD"

That wonderful old play of New England farm life, Denman Thompson's "The Old Homestead" comes to the Strand theater on Friday, Sept. 2.

An annual visit to "The Old Homestead" is by way of becoming a national habit, acquired by the older generation, which regards the play with a kind veneration, and the younger generation, which regards it as something to be seen to complete one's theatrical education. It is characteristic of "The Old Homestead" that it remains unchanged in any particular from year to year. The audience of today see exactly the same production, in every essential particular, that the first audience saw at the Boston Theater in April 1886. Augustus Pitou, Inc., are presenting the play this season with all the original features of past years—the famous double quartet, Grace church choir, the Swanzy band and the Salvation Army.

James Howe and Lee Sharar are spending the week at Crystal lake.

Base Ball Here Sunday

After months of patient waiting the baseball fans of Alma are to have a treat Sunday—the Republic A. A.'s having billed a diamond contest on Republic field with the strong St. Louis Independents, an aggregation which ranks among the strongest in this part of the state this year.

The St. Louis team has been piling up a good record this season in the games that it has played, and is showing some real class on the field, with a good fielding team, and a bunch of strong batters. "Lefty" Burdick, former hurler for the Republic Trucks, is with the Independents and it is understood that the former Truckmaker will go to the mound Sunday to stop the A. A.'s. The A. A.'s will present a good lineup for the fans, which will include such stars as Devogt, the former Cleveland American catcher, "Buddy" Ryan, who seen years of good baseball in various leagues, and others.

The game will be called at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, with only a measly twenty-five-cent piece as the admission price, including the war tax. It is the intention of the A. A.'s it is understood, to have at least one game a week for the balance of the season, and it is very probable that Alma fans will see some good baseball during the coming few weeks.

SECURED WHAT HE ADVERTISED FOR

WOMAN THAT HE MARRIED HAD
A HUSBAND LIVING IN
VESTABURG.

The old saying that "it pays to advertise" has again been proven a fact, although in this instance what might be termed an "entanglement" has resulted.

It all came about through a man advertising for a wife. The man was a widower, he lived on a farm and naturally was busy—too busy to go courtin'—but he knew of the pulling power of printer's ink.

The woman saw the advertisement and in spite of the fact that she had a husband, she left him and came to Elsie, where, by appointment, she met Frank Jump, of Ovid township. They went to Corinna where they were married. They returned to the Jump farm and all went well until smoothly for a week or so, when Charles Anderson, of Vestaburg, the first husband, complained to local officers and the woman is now being detained at the county jail pending investigation on a charge of bigamy.

Last Saturday night the two husbands and the woman in the case met in the office of the prosecuting attorney. The woman was told she would be detained at the jail, pending investigation. She asked Jump if he would take her back and dump said he would, that "she had been a good woman to him." But Sunday morning while the attorney was still residing peacefully in the arms of Morpheus, he had a visitor, none other than Anderson, the other husband, who said he wanted his wife back and the charges dropped. He was advised to go back home and wait awhile.

The woman is still being detained, but contrary to the generally accredited characteristics of her sex, she refuses to talk—to the reporter. However, while in the prosecutor's office she said that she was born in Germany, that she came to this country several years ago, and was married to a doctor in Indianapolis, by whom she had a son, now about 12 years of age. They were divorced and she came to Grand Rapids, where she says she assumed the name of Fuller, in order to hide her identity from her first husband. Later she was married to Anderson, formerly of Grand Rapids, and has since lived with him at Vestaburg. She says she left him because he was cruel to her and this led her to answer the matrimonial advertisement of Mr. Jump.

The woman is about 35 years of age, is of comely appearance and speaks English well. "Perhaps she is more sinned against than sinning," said the acting prosecuting attorney.

A New College Instructor Secured

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College announced yesterday that Phyllis E. Byrnes of Cleveland has been secured as an instructor in English and History at Alma College for the coming year. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and has her master's degree from Rutgers College. It is expected that Miss Byrnes will take over part of the History instruction that has been handled in the past by Dean James E. Mitchell.

IONIA CONCERN ENTERS ALMA'S GRAIN MARKET

J. HALE & SONS OF IONIA HAVE
SECURED ELEVATOR OF ALMA
GRAIN & LUMBER CO.

Took Possession of Place Monday

The elevator of the Alma Grain & Lumber Company, through a deal which was closed the latter part of last week, is now resuming greater activities than have been seen in the local grain markets in several years, and gives promise of making Alma a center for the farmers in the future.

The firm of J. Hale & Sons of Ionia, well known Michigan millers and grain men, have leased the plant and took possession Monday, immediately starting the purchase of grain. To what extent the concern plans to go in its Alma business has not yet been definitely settled. It is understood, so complete details in regard to the venture cannot be given at this time.

Some extensive repair work is being contemplated, it is understood, and this would seem to indicate that the Ionia firm intends to develop the field to the greatest possible extent.

W. T. Nalder of this city, who has spent practically his entire life in the milling business, and is rated as a highly competent miller and grain buyer, is in charge of the plant for J. Hale & Sons.

It is understood that the Alma Chamber of Commerce, through Harry Gerber, its president, had much to do in interesting the Ionia firm in the plant here, and thus paved the way to again put a good grain market in Alma.

With this concern and the Alma Elevator now in the field in this city there is every probability that it will not be long before the farmers are again flocking to Alma with their grain, and that greater fields may be opened up for business men of this city if they grasp the opportunity.

ADDITIONAL TIME GRANTED DEFENSE

TWENTY MORE DAYS ALLOWED
IN WHICH TO PREPARE BILL
OF EXCEPTIONS IN CASE.

Attorneys for Alfred F. Crawford, former cashier of the First State Savings Bank of Breckenridge, have been granted twenty more days in which to settle on a bill of exceptions, which originally was to have been heard on Monday, August 15.

Delay in the tramming of the court proceedings, because of the great amount of work that the court stenographer has had, is given as the reason for the extension of time.

Crawford, who for a score of years was the cashier of the First State Savings Bank of Breckenridge, was convicted by a jury in circuit court of embezzlement on June 25, following the trial of a case that attracted state wide attention.

On June 27 the attorneys for the defense argued a motion for a stay of proceedings before Judge Hart of the Midland circuit, who heard the case, and at that time he granted the defense until August 15 in which to settle upon the bill of exceptions.

Crawford's conviction in circuit court was based on a warrant that charged the embezzlement of a single item of about \$2,000 from the bank for which he had been cashier. It was alleged that it was only one of several shortages.

Passed Checks and Are Jailed

Two young men from St. Louis are said to have recently passed some checks on local business men for small sums on a bank in which they did not have funds to meet the checks.

They were arrested by Sheriff A. T. Willett at St. Louis late Tuesday and were taken to Ithaca, where they were placed in the county jail.

The habit of passing checks in this city with insufficient funds to meet them when they are presented at banks, or where no funds have been deposited, have brought a number of people to grief as a result during the past year or two. Alma merchants sometime ago made up their minds to stop the practice, which had been proving a costly one, and as a result the check passers are beginning to suffer.